(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to categorise various fertilizer producing units under the new fertilizer pricing policy;

(b) if so, the total number of categories which have been formulated and the basis of determination of each category; and

(c) the cost of production of each category of fertilizer producing units evaluated in April, 2003 ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) and (b) Under the New Pricing Scheme for urea units which has come into effect from 1-4-2003, the urea units have been placed in six groups based on vintage and feedstock, for determining the group based concession rates. These groups are: pre-1992 gas based units, post-1992 gas based units, pre-1992 naphtha based units, post-1992 naphtha based units, Fuel Oil/Low Sulphur Heavy Stock (FO/LSHS) based units and mixed energy based units. The mixed energy based group shall include such gas-based units that use alternative feedstock/fuel to the extent of more than 25% as admissible on 1-4-2002.

(c) The group based concession rates for 1-4-2003 would be computed on the data of the units on 31-3-2003 as applicable. To determine that, the retention prices as notified for 1-4-2002 would be taken as the base and the adjustment on the basis of 8th pricing period for the remaining period, *i.e.* 1-4-2002 to 31-3-2003, shall be made before the end of financial year 2003-2004.

Review of laws Related to women

*510. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether in connection with the observance of the Women's Day in March, 2003, the implementation of the various laws governing the Rights of Women, including the laws relating to marriage, divorce and dowry; laws relating to working women, Right to property and social security for destitute women, women in distress and crime against women, were reviewed; and

(b) if so, shortcomings taken note of; and the steps being taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, review of laws is a continuous

process. The implementation of laws concerning women is reviewed periodically, in consultation with State Governments and Union Territory Administrations and the National Commission for Women. As a result of such review, the following Acts, were amended in the last three years :

(1) Indian Succession Act, 1925.

(2) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971.

(3) The Indian Divorce Act, 1869.

(4) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (section relevant to maintenance).

(5) The Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994.

(6) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

(7) The Marriage Laws (Amendment) Act, 2001.

Night patrolling

*513. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified sensitive areas in Railways requiring night patrolling in view of derailment of Bangalore Express due to sabotage;

(b) if so, the details of such areas; and

(c) the steps taken to modernise the signal system to eliminate human failure?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) "According to the provisions of para 03.18 of the Union War Book (1971) item (h), the agency primarily responsible for providing protection to bridges and railways is the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations". However in accordance with recommendations of Commission of Railway Safety, the Railways have setup Standing Committees in all Divisions of Zonal Railways. These Standing Committees review the situation from time to time and identify the vulnerable sections. These list therefore keep on changing. Areas identified for night patrolling as at present are given in Statement enclosed. (*See* below).